Setting up of steel production unit in Salem

1806. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to establish a steel producing unit in Salem; if so, the details thereof and by when the same is likely to commence production; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEB): (a) and (b) Government have no proposal under consideration at present for setting up of any new steel plant at Salem. Steel Authority of India Limited, a Public Sector Company, has already set up a unit at Salem — Salem Steel Plant, for producing around 65,000 tonnes of Cold Rolled Stainless Steel Coils/Sheets per annum. Government have sanctioned a project at an estimated cost of Rs. 425.16 crores, in April, 1991, for setting up facilities for manufacture of Hot Rolled Stainless Steel Coils, at the Salem Steel Plant by way of its backward integration. These facilities are expected to go into production by April, 1995.

Improvement of infrastructural facilities in Bombay

1807. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state what special measures have been taken by Central Government to improve the infrastructural facilities like water supply, road, transport, housing, sanitation and power in view of the great importance to the National economy of the Bombay City?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): Urban Development *per se* is a State subject and for the cities and towns falling within the administrative boundaries of the respective States, Urban Development Schemes are being formulated by the respective States and Union Territory Governments. The Central Government, however, plays a catalytical/nodal role as far as this sector is concerned. The allocation of funds for the Urban Development Schemes of the State Governments and Union Territories is made by the Union Planning Commission on the basis of Plan proposals submitted by the State/UTs concerned. Except for certain specific central schemes for which provision is made in the budget by the Ministry of Urban Development, the over all aliotments are made in the State sector.

An amount of Rs. 100 crores has been sanctioned as a Special Grant to the Government of Maharashtra to meet the acute problems of Housing and slums in Bombay. In addition, on the recommendation of the Ninth Finance Commission a one-time Grant of Rs. 50 crores has been sanctioned to the Government of Maharashtra for slum clearance, environmental improvement of slums and provision of basic amenities in Bombay with the condition that the State Govt. would also make a matching provision of the same amount for this purpose.

Besides these grants, World Bank aided Bombay Urban Development Projects as well as Bombay Water Supply and Sewerage Project at a total cost of Rs. 1115.71 crores are being implemented. These include project for Slum Upgradation, Sites and Services, Water Supply and Sewerage, Storm Water and Drainage, Roads, Solid Waste Management and technical assistance for training and equipment.

Various measures are being taken by concerned authorities to improve the power supply position in Bombay which includes expediting commissioning of new generating systems, implementation of short gestation power projects, and improving the performance of existing power statons.